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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Bloomington Man Sentenced For Child Pornography

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced today that, DOUGLAS LOYD THORNE, 43, of Bloomington, Indiana, was sentenced to 97 months of imprisonment by U.S. District Judge Sarah Evans Barker, following his guilty plea for receipt and possession of child pornography. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Indiana State Police, the Bloomington Police Department, and the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC).

THORNE was charged in a two-count information with using a computer to knowingly receive 11 computer graphic files of child pornography in December, 2004. During the same month, THORNE knowingly possessed a computer and computer disks containing child pornography, including 55 computer files specified in the charge. The child pornography

involved in each of the counts has been produced through the use of actual minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct. According to evidence received during the sentencing hearing, THORNE collected child pornography for several years and amassed a collection approximately 60,000 files.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Steven D. DeBrotta and Trial Attorney Alexandra Gelber of the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section of the U.S. Department of Justice, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Barker also ordered that THORNE be placed upon supervised release upon completion of his term of imprisonment for the remainder of this life.

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